

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-2. (cancelled)

3. (new) An accumulator (1), comprising:

a housing (2) including a bottomed tubular shell (3) having an end surface (35) in an open end portion;

an end cover (4) with a step concave portion (35) radially overlapping and welded to said end surface (35) of said tubular shell (3) and including a fixing portion (30) received in said open end portion of said tubular shell (3), wherein a cross sectional inner outline (32) of a peripheral edge portion (31) of said end cover (4) is an oval shape which is concave;

an operation member (5) including a metallic bellows (6) fixed to said fixing portion (30) formed in said end cover (4), wherein a pressure sealed chamber (8) and a pressure flow-in chamber (9) are formed by said operation member (5); and

a spacer (41) installed in a space (40) formed by a line connecting both sides of one end portion of the metallic bellows (6) fixed to said fixing portion (30), such that no space is formed between the gas end cover (4) and the spacer (41).